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FOR SONNENFELDT SY/SAS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SERGEI NEMTSANOV, SOVIET OLYMPICS DEFECTOR

1. BOB PUDDISTER, CHIEF, REFUGEE POLICY DIVISION, CANADIAN MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION (MANDO), INFORMS EMBASSY THAT SERFEI NEMTSANOV HAS MINISTER'S PERMIT TO REMAIN IN CANADA UNTIL JANUARY 31, 1977 "WHILE HE THINKS THINGS OVER". IF HE WISHES BY THEN TO REMAIN IN CANADA, APPROVAL OF REFUGEE STATUS VIRTUALLY ASSURED. LANDED IMMIGRANT STATUS WOULD FOLLOW UNLESS NEMTSANOV PREFERS TO REMAIN AS RESIDENT REFUGEE. MANDI CLEARLY NOT IMPRESSED BY SOVIET BLUSTER.

2. EMBASSY RECEIVED TELEGRAM OFFERING HOME, SUPPORT AND ADOPTION TO NEMTSANOV FROM MR. AND MRS. GEORGE YOURIEFF, 527 KINGSLEY AVENUE, PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA. TELEGRAM WAS GIVEN TO PUDDISTER FOR TRANSMITTAL TO NEMTSANOV AS PRIVATE MESSAGE. PUDDISTER COMMENTED THAT TELEGRAM WOULD NOT CHANGE ANYTHING, SINCE NEMTSANOV'S STATUS WILL BE DECIDED ON BASIS OF HIS CURCUMSTANCES IN CANADA. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED THAT AN EFFORT BY FAMILY OF ALLEGED USC GIRLFRIEND TO TAKE NEMTSANOV TO U.S. MIGHT INFLUENCE CANADIAN CONSIDERATION OF CASE. HE HAS NO INDICATION THAT SUCH EFFORT WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

3. EMBASSY RECEIVED CLARIFYING LETTER FROM YOURIEFFS AUGUST 5, STATING THEY ARE COUPLE OVER 70 WHO KNOW OF NEMTSANOV ONLY
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FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS. WE HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THEIR INQUIRY AND

INTEND NO FURTHER ACTION THIS REGARD.
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